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MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL UPDATE

TO: All *Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies* providers participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program, Managed Care Organizations and holders of the *Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies* Medicaid Provider Manual

UPDATE: DME- 03-04

FROM: Patrick W. Finnerty, Director
Department of Medical Assistance Services

DATE: 8/20/2004

SUBJECT: Update to Second Edition of the *Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies* Provider Manual

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with updated information regarding Appendix B of the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Manual. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) has made several updates to the Appendix B. The table below details the changes and corrections made. Pricing information has been added to several codes based on pricing information that was received from the Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC) for Region B, which includes Virginia. For procedure codes E0199, A4611RR, E0202RR, A4619, A4627, E0455RR, and E0483RR, DMAS has updated the Appendix B to reflect price corrections that were effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2004. The pricing information for these specific codes was incorrectly published with the previous update to Appendix B. All other pricing information, that has been added, is effective for dates of service on or after September 20, 2004.

Please Note: Appendix B of the DME Manual has been updated and is now available on the DMAS website (www.dmas.virginia.gov) to be downloaded or you may contact Commonwealth-Martin to receive your copy of the updated Appendix B.

Category	Code	Description	Correction
Bandages, etc.	A6402	Gauze, non-impregnated, sterile, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing	Corrected billing unit and service limits
Bandages, etc.	A4216	Sterile water/saline 10 ml	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$0.43 as of September 20, 2004.
Bandages, etc.	A4217	Sterile water/saline 500 ml	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$2.84 as of September 20, 2004.
Bandages, etc.	A6441	Padding, bandage, non-elastic, non-woven/non-knitted, width greater than or equal to three inches and less than five inches, per yard	Added code to Appendix B.
Bandages, etc.	A6442	Conforming bandage, non-elastic, knitted/woven, non-sterile, width less than three inches per yard	Added code to Appendix B.

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Bandages, etc.	A6443	Conforming bandage, non-elastic, knitted/woven, non-sterile, width greater than or equal to three inches and less than five inches, per yard	Added code to Appendix B.
Bandages, etc.	A6444	Conforming bandage, non-elastic, knitted/woven, non-sterile, width greater than or equal to five inches, per yard	Added code to Appendix B.
Bandages, etc.	A6445	Conforming bandage, non-elastic, knitted/woven, sterile, width less than three inches, per yard	Added code to Appendix B.
Bandages, etc.	A6446	Conforming bandage, non-elastic, knitted/woven, sterile, width greater than or equal to three inches and less than five inches, per yard	Added code to Appendix B.
Bandages, etc.	A6447	Conforming bandage, non-elastic, knitted/woven, sterile, width greater than or equal to five inches, per yard	Added code to Appendix B.
Beds, Mattresses	E0260	Hospital bed, semi-electric	Added code to Appendix B.
Beds, Mattresses, Accessories	E0199	Dry pressure pad for mattress, standard mattress, length and width	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$32.05 as of January 1, 2004. Previously published rate was incorrect.
Beds, Mattresses, Accessories	E0261 RR	Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustment), with any type side rails, without mattress	Added code to Appendix B.
Communication Devices	E2500	Speech generating device	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$391.06 as of September 20, 2004.
Communication Devices	E2502	Speech generating device	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$1,195.80 as of September 20, 2004.
Communication Devices	E2504	Speech generating device	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$1,577.42 as of September 20, 2004.
Communication Devices	E2506	Speech generating device	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$2,312.96 as of September 20, 2004.
Communication Devices	E2508	Speech generating device	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$3,576.61 as of September 20, 2004.
Communication Devices	E2510	Speech generating device	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$6,768.25 as of September 20, 2004.
Elastic Support Items	L8110	Gradient Stocking	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$43.27 and corrected PA requirement from Y to N, item no longer requires PA.
Elastic Support Items	L8120	Gradient Stocking	Updated price to reflect DMERC rate of \$60.96 and corrected PA requirement from Y to N, item no longer requires PA.
IV Supplies	E1399	Click Lock Extension IV Tubing Set	Previously coded as S1015, this was an error. PA Type changes to 01 since code is moved to miscellaneous code.
Miscellaneous	A4611 RR	Battery, heavy duty	Corrected price from \$20.37 to \$0.66.
Miscellaneous	A4927	Gloves, non-sterile	Corrected billing unit and service limits.
Miscellaneous	A4930	Gloves, sterile	Corrected billing unit and service limits.
Miscellaneous	E0168	Commode Chair, extra wide and/or heavy duty	Added code to Appendix B.
Miscellaneous	E0168 RR	Commode chair, extra wide and/or heavy duty	Added code to Appendix B.
Miscellaneous	E0202 RR	Phototherapy (bilirubin) light with photometer	Corrected price from \$2.02 to \$62.61.
Miscellaneous	E0935 RR	Passive motion exercise device	Added code to Appendix B.
Nutritional Supplements	B4153	Enteral Formulae, Category III	Corrected PA requirement from Y to N. Item does not require PA.
Respiratory	A4619	Face Tent	Corrected price from \$1.12 to \$1.21.
Respiratory	A4627	Spacer, bag or reservoir	Correct price from \$14.39 to \$26.26

Respiratory	A7018	Water, distilled, used with large volume ventilators	Added code to Appendix B.
Respiratory	A7035	Headgear used with positive airway pressure device	Added code to Appendix B.
Respiratory	A7036	Chinstrap used with positive airway pressure device	Added code to Appendix B.
Respiratory	A7037	Tubing used with positive airway pressure device	Added code to Appendix B.
Respiratory	E0424 RR	Stationary, compressed gaseous oxygen system	Added code to Appendix B.
Respiratory	E0430	Portable gaseous oxygen system, purchase, includes regulator, flowmeter, humidifier cannula or mask and tubing	Added code to Appendix B.
Respiratory	E0439 RR	Stationary, liquid oxygen system	Added code to Appendix B.
Respiratory	E0455 RR	Oximeter Device	Corrected price from IC \$ 6.67
Respiratory	E0483 RR	High Frequency Chest Wall Device	Corrected price from \$17.43 to \$34.30
Respiratory	E0570	Nebulizer	Corrected PA requirement from Y to N. Item does not require PA.
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Respiratory	E1390 RR	Oxygen concentrator	Corrected PA requirement from Y to N. Item does not require PA.
Wheelchair Accessories	K0015	Detachable, nonadjustable height armrest, each	Added code to Appendix B.
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Wheelchair Accessories	K0020	Fixed, adjustable height armrest, pair	Added code to Appendix B.
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Wheelchair Accessories	K0052	Swing away detachable foot rests	Correct Limit from 1/36 to 2/26 months because this is a pair item.
Wheelchair Accessories	K0052 RR	Swing away detachable foot rests	Added code to Appendix B.

COMMUNICATION TO DME PROVIDERS

DMAS has designed an email address specifically for providers to email questions about DME to DMAS (dme@dmavirginia.gov). These questions should pertain to policies, codes, or rates and should not pertain to preauthorizations, as these questions should continue to be directed to the preauthorization contractor, WVMi at 1-800-299-9864. In the future, DMAS will be able to alert providers to changes to Appendix B via the DMAS ListServe. The ListServe is a real time solution to notifications and will allow providers to have complete, up to date information without waiting for mailings. To subscribe, send an e-mail to dme@dmavirginia.gov. On the subject line of the e-mail form, type, "subscribe" (without the quotes). This is an automated system. If you put anything else on the subject line, you will not be added to the list. Please include "recipient", "provider", or "other", which ever best describes you, in the body of your e-mail. To unsubscribe, send an email to DMAS dme@dmavirginia.gov. On the subject line of the email form, type, "unsubscribe" (without the quotes).

ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS STATUS INFORMATION

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, prior authorization, and pharmacy prescriber identification information. The website address to use to enroll for access to this system is <http://virginia.fhsc.com>. The MediCall voice response system will provide the same information and can be accessed by calling 800-884-9730 or 800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

COPIES OF MANUALS

DMAS publishes electronic and printable copies of its provider manuals and Medicaid Memoranda on the DMAS website at www.dmas.virginia.gov (*please note the new DMAS website address*). Refer to the Provider Column to find Medicaid and SLH provider manuals or click on “Medicaid Memos to Providers” to view Medicaid Memoranda. The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet, or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order these by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates requested.

“HELPLINE”

The “HELPLINE” is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except State holidays, to answer questions. The “HELPLINE” numbers are:

786-6273	Richmond area
1-800-552-8627	All other areas

Please remember that the “HELPLINE” is for provider use only.

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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

MANUAL SECTION	MATERIAL REVISED	NEW PAGE NUMBER(S)	REVISED PAGE(S)	REVISION DATE
Appendix B	Appendix B		Entire Appendix B	9/20/04

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

MANUAL SECTION	DISCARD	INSERT	OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
Appendix B	Old Appendix B	New Appendix B	